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The 2011 Hall of Honor Inductees

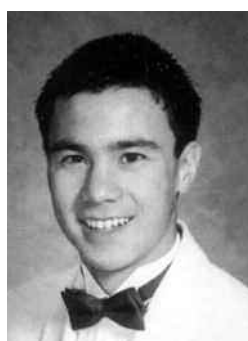
In the Summer 2006 *Ramview*, Fr. Boller announced that the Board of Trustees approved new procedures for induction into the Fordham Prep Hall of Honor. "Alumni selection committees will be established to review nominations of alumni and faculty/staff 'who have been outstanding in their service to God, the human and civic communities or their country.' The new version of the Hall of Honor selection process is intended to shine the spotlight on distinguished members of the Prep family from its 170 year history. It is intended to instill pride in the community by association with the inductees and to inspire the current students to 'make their own mark' in service to our world."

The 2011 inductees, who are pictured below, will take their place in the Prep's Hall of Honor at the Induction Dinner which will be held on **Friday, November 18, 2011** in The Garden Terrace Room at The New York Botanical Garden.

For those who were nominated and not selected, their names and the documents submitted on their behalf are kept on record and will be included in future deliberations.



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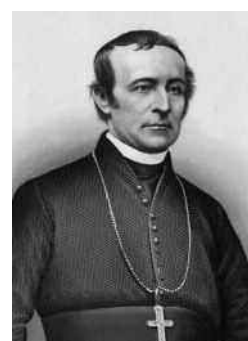
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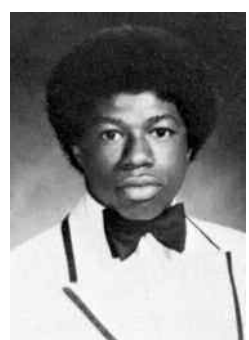
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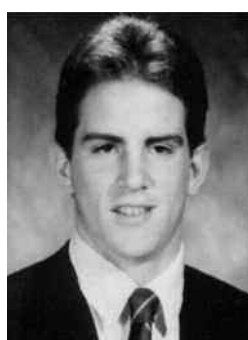
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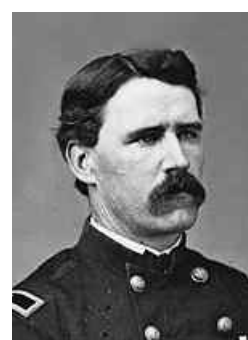
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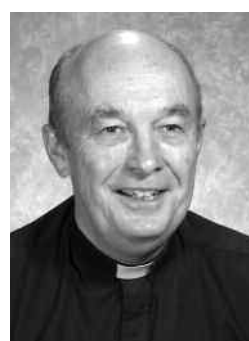
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James J. Walsh, M.D. 1888

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in The Garden Terrace Room
of The New York Botanical Garden



The Return of Cardboard City Night

On Tuesday, May 17th, 41 Fordham Prep students and four faculty members spent a rain soaked evening sleeping outside of the Prep in cardboard boxes. The event was dubbed “The Return of Cardboard City Night,” by Mr. Viele’s freshman mentor group. Mr. Viele fondly remembered participating in the event as a student during his junior and senior year. When it came time for his mentor group to put together their freshman service project he suggested they bring back the event. Prior to this year, the night had not occurred since 2005.

The evening started at the Prep at 7:00 p.m. Students gathered in the Commons to prepare their boxes for the evening. After preparing their boxes, students assembled in the Leonard Theater for a talk from Father Ned Murphy. Father Ned founded Part of the Solution, a soup kitchen which is a stones throw away from the Prep,

on Webster Avenue. He told them about his mission to help the homeless get off the streets and answered all of the questions the students had. Father Ned also encouraged them to volunteer their time after school.

After the talk, students were served a meal consisting of soup and bread by Ms. Gavin, Mr. Phipps and Mr. Hemsley. Once dinner was over students put some finishing touches on the boxes, then headed back to the theater to view the documentary, *The Human Experience*.

The Human Experience, is an award winning documentary about an altruistic group of young men who set to seek out the true human spirit by visiting a group of homeless New Yorkers, Peruvian orphans and isolated Ghanian lepers. The documentary was thought provoking and afterwards

Mr. Phipps led a lively discussion about the film and students’ overall thoughts on cardboard city night.

The highlight of the evening occurred shortly after 12:00 a.m. After a prayer and reflection, students brought their homes for the night outside the front doors of the Prep. Due to the downpour, plans to sleep on the back field were nixed, and students instead placed their boxes under the front overhangs. A few brave students wrapped their boxes in garbage bags and pushed the boxes out into the rain. At the 6:00 a.m. wakeup call, the students had survived the cool night, downpour and a rather unpleasant rat encounter. They had also raised awareness of the overwhelming issue of homelessness in America and came to the realization of just how fortunate they truly are.



The Chaplain’s Corner:

Good Enough...for now

By Rev. Donald Devine, S.J.

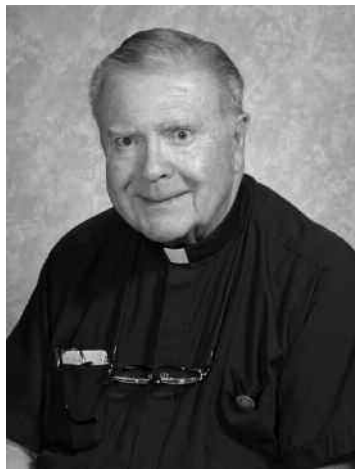
Many good people are troubled by their human, hesitant responses to God’s many invitations to become more un-selfish, joyfully generous followers of Jesus. They are humble, sincere, good people who want to get to know Jesus and themselves better, to become better people by using their talents well.

Unfortunately, all too many of them focused on their failings, their imperfections, their inadequacies, their failures. As a priest, I feel one of my major challenges is to help people see, love and forgive themselves as Jesus does. Jesus does not withhold His love until we reach a certain level of holiness. He loves us as we are now, warts and wrinkles and jowls and all. And He wants us to do the same, to accept the fact that we are good enough for now. Is there room for growth, need for improvement, are there habits to change? Of course! We are not perfect, we have new challenges to face, we always need to strive to become more loving, grateful and forgiving. But we shouldn’t be more demanding of ourselves than God is. We need to believe that we are good enough for now. Our growth process is a lifelong challenge. The day we no longer change is the day we die.

A man who is a competent, compassionate, conscientious worker from 9-5 is a model employee. When he plays with his 3-year-old son on his lap, reads a story to his son and kisses him after tucking him in bed, he may not seem to be accomplishing anything. Simply being with his son, loving him may not be as measurable as office profits and sales results, but it is even more important. The difference between being and doing has gotten a lot of print recently. Society rewards us for what we do. This is not unimportant. But why and how we do it can make the difference between following in the footsteps of Jesus and selling our souls and ourselves.

If you have recently won a Nobel prize and I congratulate you and you say “It was nothing”, you are not being humble, you are lying. Humility is accepting myself honestly, respecting my smallness and powerlessness as well as my power and responsibility in the universe. Humility is acknowledging the fact that my talents are gifts from God and my development of these gifts has been possible only with the help of many other people – family, friends, teachers. Humility and healthy self-love are compatible. Remember, we are made in the image of God and, as a 70’s poster reminds us, “God doesn’t make junk”!

Let us be grateful as we strive to continue to grow no matter what our age. Pray for the grace to be able to say humbly and honestly I accept and love myself as God does. I am good enough..., for now!



Camden, New Jersey

Service Immersion Trip

The week after exams in June saw the launch of the Prep’s first service trip of the summer. Twelve rising sophomores, along with Mr. Robert McLaughlin, Mr. Robert Carlton, S.J. and Mr. Paul Homer, spent a week at the Romero Center in Camden, N.J. There they learned about Catholic social teaching and its application to the realities of life in Camden. The center piece of each day was a service project in the Camden-Philadelphia area.



Mr. Homer, Franklin Newton ’14 and Anil DaCosta ’08 outside the St. Francis Inn in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. Anil was coincidentally there with a service trip from LeMoyn College.



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From the President's Office

Summer is a time for relaxation and refreshing the spirit. It is also a time for reflection and planning for the new year. As I look back on the last year, I am filled with a tremendous pride in the accomplishments of so many.

This edition of *Ramview* reports on the achievements of our Spring sports teams. When added to the other championships of the Fall and Winter, it is a great tribute to the 634 students who participated in at least one sport this past year and their coaches who work so hard with them. They certainly follow in the footsteps of our Hall of Honor Olympic medalist reported on in this issue as well. The Freshmen who volunteered for the service trip to Camden also did us proud in their outreach. Two teams of students went down to Quito, Ecuador to help in the Working Boys Center founded and directed by Fr. Jack Halligan, S.J. '47. Jack will be inducted into the Hall of Honor in November.

John Neary '87, our board chair, Bob Gomprecht '65, Trish Morris and Brian Carney, co-chairs of our Ignatian Identity Committee and I all went down to Baltimore for the first meeting of the leadership teams of the secondary and pre-secondary schools of New England, New York and Maryland provinces, twenty-five schools in all. As the three Eastern provinces of the Jesuits merge in the next few years, we have to explore the different ways we will relate to each other and to a new, far flung province administration. The Prep has already served as host to two meetings of all of the faculty and staff of the New York Province – the last one with over 500 educators present. These gatherings highlight the common elements and strengths we have as part of the Jesuit system of schools. While each school has a unique history and special characteristics, and while we may be fierce rivals in various sports, the bonds that unite us are stronger and the students recognize

that. Just this year we were able to bring back rugby with tremendous support and encouragement from the Xavier Rugby organization.

In November, we will induct another class into the Hall of Honor at a dinner at The New York Botanical Garden. We are happy to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of these men and the Sisters of Charity who have contributed so much to the Prep and our world by their lives of dedication and service. We are justly proud of their accomplishments and delighted to present them to our current students as models of greatness to be imitated and surpassed.

Enjoy this issue and thanks for all that you do to support the Prep.



Rev. Kenneth J. Boller, S.J.



From the Principal's Desk

Robert J. Gomprecht '65



On May 25, at the 166th Fordham Prep Commencement Exercises for the class of 2011, Mr. John J. Foley '63 was the speaker. Jack has taught Classical Languages at the Prep since 1968 and is the Department Chairperson. It is unusual for a faculty member to be chosen as the graduation speaker, but Jack was certainly up to the challenge. He presented the seniors with a thoughtful and insightful explication of the Jesuit education in which they had participated for the last four years of their lives.

After his address, Fr. Boller and I, on behalf of Fordham University President Fr. Joseph McShane, S.J., presented Jack with the University's *President's Award*. The citation, in part, read:

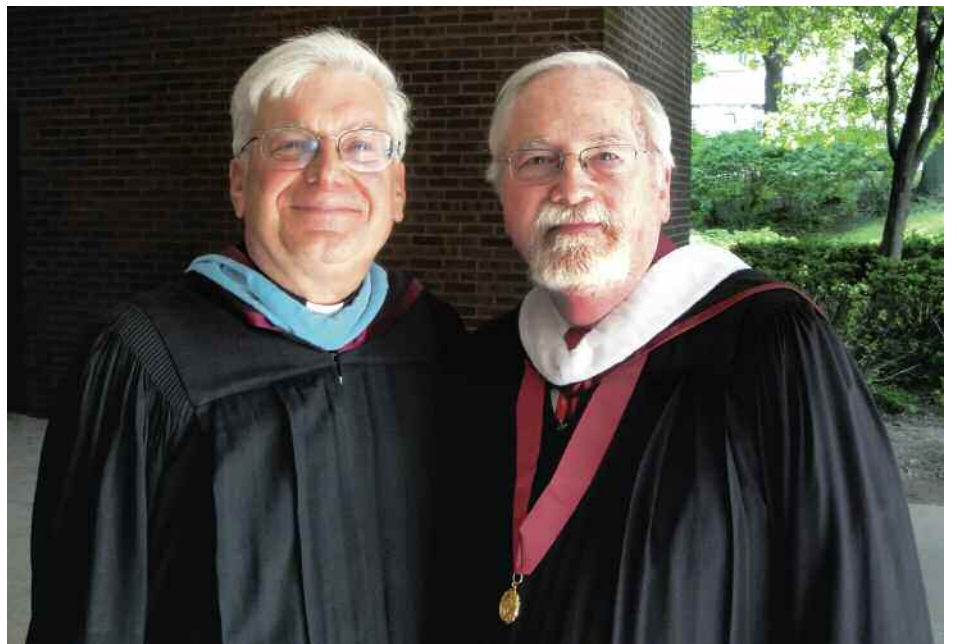
The study of Latin and Greek was integral to the education offered in the first and second divisions of St. John's College (now Fordham University) when it was founded in 1841. For more than 40 years, John "Jack" Foley has been a loyal successor to that storied history of teaching Latin and Greek at Rose Hill. Since joining the faculty of Fordham Prep in 1968, he has been a world class tour guide for thousands of young men sailing with Ascanius and Anchises away from a burning Troy and back home again over Homer's wine-dark sea.

As a poised and patient chair of the Classics Department, he recruited a gifted faculty, provided a model for quality teaching, mentored many along their journey, and navigated the study of classics back to its former position of honor and prestige.

As one whose deeds truly exemplify what it means to be a man for others, Fordham University is proud to honor him today with the President's Award.

At this point in its history, the Prep generates extraordinary interest from potential students and enthusiasm and support from our own students, their parents, and our alumni. Our reputation, location, diversity, and explosion of sports success all contribute to this popularity. But, at top of this list is a talented, committed faculty who provide a quality education in a challenging and caring manner. They love what they do, they are very good at it, and they create a climate where Ignatian Spirituality flourishes and freshmen grow into young men of competence, conscience and compassion. Within this gifted group of men and women, Jack Foley is one of the best.

This reminds me of two separate conversations I have had recently with adults who have limited connections to Fordham Prep. Neither attended Fordham nor have children who attended. Both gentlemen are professionals and have relationships with a number of clients who attended the Prep. The first spoke of the extraordinary enthusiasm he has observed in his work and in his community from anyone connected to Fordham Prep. Parents and students alike speak with fervor and love about the school. The other, a



non-Christian, was particularly fascinated about the culture and spirituality of the Prep. He, too, mentioned the overwhelming positive reaction of colleagues and clients who graduated from the Prep or whose children attended the school. He described some of these graduates and noted that they were varied in their own work and personalities, yet they seemed to him to share some common denominator. They were all intelligent, had analytical skills, and had strength of character.

These conversations suggest to me that Jack Foley's description of the underlying philosophy of Fordham Prep and other Jesuit high schools is having a profound impact. When a school embraces the spirituality and philosophy of Ignatius of Loyola, and does so with faculty members who are as dedicated, gifted and committed as Jack Foley, the results are almost miraculous.

The 2nd Annual Friends of the Jesuits Golf Outing

- ♦to benefit those in need through the works of the Jesuits
- ♦to support the care of aging and infirm Jesuits

Monday, September 26, 2011
Meadow Brook Club

9:30AM Arrival
Registration
Brunch

11:00AM Shotgun Start
4:00PM Awards, Dinner, Auction

Golf Outing Committee

Co-Founders: Pete Dagher, Brian Devaney, Gary Goodenough
Marissa Blackett, Chip Burke, Wayne Channer, Tim Croak, Tom Johnson, Terry Meehan,
John O'Brien, William Parry, James Power, John Tognino, Matt Veith

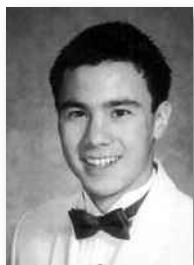
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Esteban Bellán – 1866



Esteban Bellán, who played on one of the first professional baseball teams in the United States, is considered to be the father of Cuban baseball.

Joseph L. Chow '03



Joe was a true Man for Others. After graduation from Amherst College in 2007, he joined the Peace Corp and was assigned to Africa. He taught chemistry, college-level math and physics to students in Tanzania, where he became very involved in the community there. He died on September 22, 2009 in a rock climbing incident.

Rev. Francis Fahey, S.J.



A long-time member of the Religious Studies department, Father Fahey was often the first faculty member that incoming freshmen met because he also ran the bookstore. His students say that Father Fahey motivated young men to do the right thing, not through intimidation or fear, but because no one wanted to disappoint him.

Brother Jeremiah Flaherty, S.J.



Brother Flaherty was the inventor of the Fordham Buns, which were served daily at 4:00 p.m. as an afternoon snack in the late 19th century. These buns became very popular among the boarding students.

Rev. John J. Halligan, S.J. '47



Father Halligan joined the Jesuit order after graduating from the Prep. In 1964, his Jesuit Superior asked him to study and report back to him about the street children of Quito, Ecuador. This report led to Father founding the Working Boys Center which provides meals and education and a place to stay for the boys in the program. His work on the Working Boys Center has received international acclaim.

Robert Hawthorn



Bob was a long time member of the Prep faculty and Prep and Fordham University coaching staffs. Former students and team members remember his skills as a teacher and coach but for most of them Bob left an even stronger impression with his generosity, integrity, humanity and penchants for hard work, respect for others, fair play and living as a gentleman.

Archbishop John Hughes



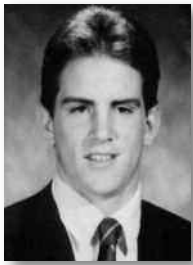
Archbishop Hughes is the founder of St. John's College, which later divided into Fordham University and Fordham Preparatory School. A strong believer in education, he played a prominent role in developing the New York Archdiocese Catholic school system.

George A. Jackson '76



In George's obituary, it was noted that he went "from Harlem to Harvard to Hollywood." He was a devoted Prep alumnus who served on the Board of Trustees and spoke at the Father-Son Communion Breakfast and one of the Prep's graduations. Professionally, he was a film producer who later became President and CEO of Motown Records.

Patrick S. Joyce '88



Pat was a 16 year member of the Yonkers Fire Department when he died in the line of duty on October 2, 2009. He was known to his friends and colleagues as a man of character and loyalty who was involved with many charities like Ronald McDonald House.

William P. Magee, Jr. '62



Bill is a world renowned plastic and craniofacial surgeon. Along with his wife, Kathleen, are the founders of Operation Smile which has provided reconstructive surgery to more than 100,000 children and young adults around the world. Operation Smile has won numerous and public service awards from organizations throughout the world.

Rev. George McAleer, S.J.



Father McAleer was the long time Prep librarian. His time on the faculty spanned the transition from Hughes Hall to the "new" Prep. During the 1950s and 1960s, he taught Latin, Greek and theology to the Prep second year students in the Classical Honors course.

The McMahon Brothers

all distinguished themselves as members of the military during the Civil War.

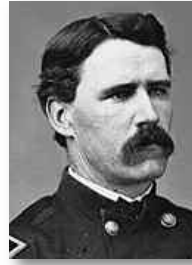
Col. John E. McMahon 1848



Col. James Power McMahon 1853



Gen. Martin T. McMahon 1855



Alfred J. Mehmel, Jr.



During his 20 plus years at the Prep teaching German and Religious Studies, Al Mehmel made his mark on his students with his unorthodox, artistic and even silly classroom style – but he endeared himself to them with his love of teaching, his love for his students and his family and his love for humanity in general.

Thomas J. Palmieri '56



It became apparent very early in his Prep career that Tom was going to be a doctor. He received his medical degree from the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center in 1964. He is recognized as a top orthopedic surgeon in the New York City area and has published extensively in his field of expertise.

Vincent Richards '20



Vincent Richards was an American tennis player whose fame at the height of his career in the early 20th century was comparable to that of greats like Babe Ruth. While a 15 year old student at the Prep, Vinnie won the US Doubles Championship with partner and tennis legend Bill Tilden. He won 2 gold medals and one silver medal at the 1924 Paris Olympics.

The Sisters of Charity



The first women to enter the Fordham Prep Hall of Honor were, literally, the first women at the school now known as Fordham Prep. In 1841, when Archbishop Hughes established St. John's College, he asked the Sisters of Charity to run the infirmary and to take charge of the cooking and cleaning duties at the new school.

August Stellwag '49



Gus Stellwag turned down admission to Regis High School to attend Fordham Prep. His dedication to the Prep since 1945 is unquestioned. Besides serving as the Prep's librarian and archivist, he served, along with Frank Holbrook '45, as author of *When September Comes* that was published in 1991. His classmates credit him with being the glue that holds their class together.

Rev. Charles S. Sullivan, S.J.



In his 41 years at the Prep, Father Sullivan has served as teacher, coach, retreat director and athletic director. In his classroom and on the basketball court, Father Sullivan always demanded the best of students and players. He has worked with the junior year Emmaus program since its inception in 1985 often serving as retreat director. He leads a group of alumni and current students as part of the annual Prep Habitat for Humanity projects.

James J. Walsh 1880



After his Prep graduation, James Walsh went on to Fordham University and the University of Pennsylvania where he received his medical degree. He returned to Rose Hill in 1907 to serve as Acting Dean and Professor of Nervous Diseases at the newly opened Medical School of Fordham University. He is the founder of the Fordham University Press, the oldest Catholic University press in America.

SAMMY

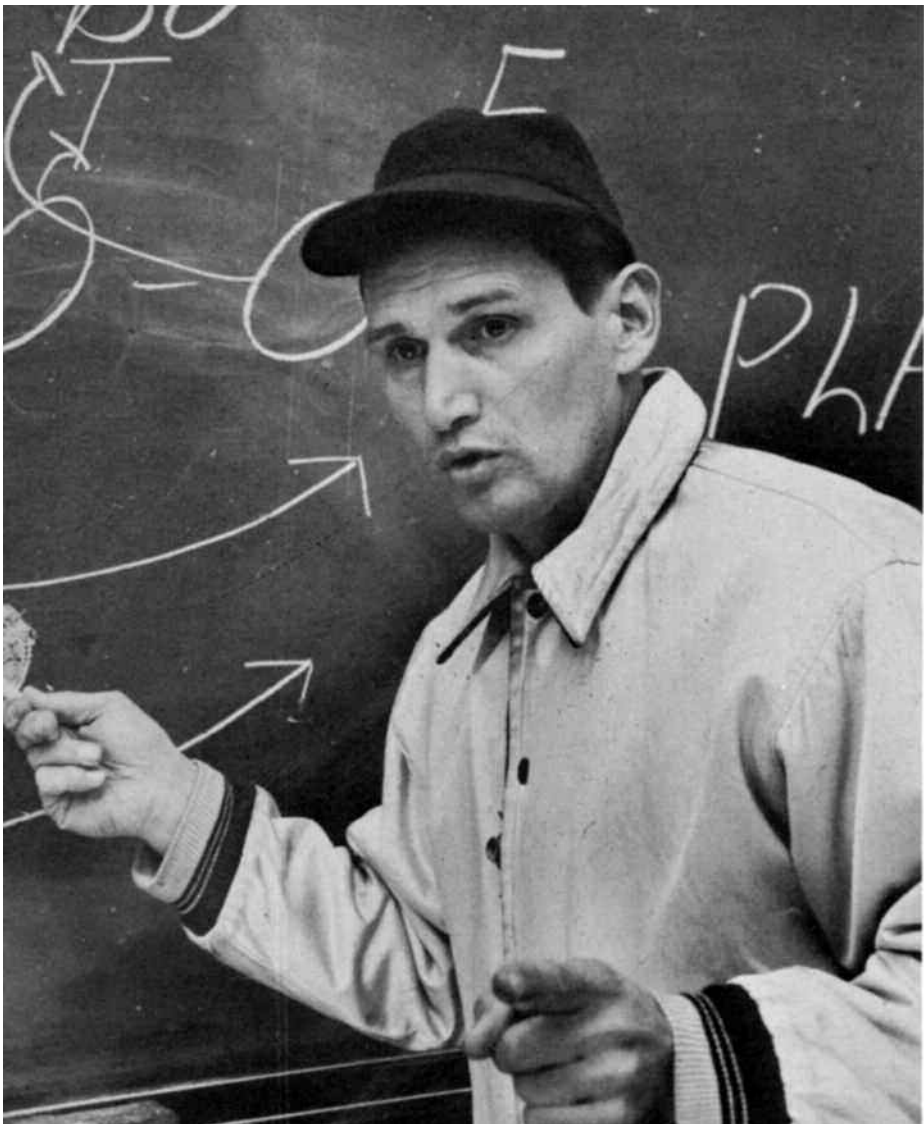
by Dan Kelleher '57

We all knew him as Sammy. It was a nickname he picked up playing high school football because his style resembled that of “Slinging Sammy Baugh” the quarterback for the Washington Redskins in the 1930’s and 40’s. His real name was Joe Ososki ... the Joe Ososki who played in the backfield for Fordham College in the famous 1942 Sugar Bowl game. His college career was interrupted by World War Two. As a Marine he earned distinction in the Battle of Iwo Jima. He then returned to Fordham, played one more year and finished in 1947. Upon graduation, he was drafted by the New York Giants. His pro-football career ended quickly with a training camp knee injury. Joe became a scout for the Giants and also found time to coach at Fordham. He married and had two children. In the early 1950’s, Fordham College started to close down its football program and finally ended it in 1954. Sammy moved across the Bronx campus to Fordham Prep and became the High School varsity football coach.

On Day One in 1954, he held a meeting with his new football team on the practice field. He stood in front of us. He was olive complected. Some say that his face looked like smooth leather. His dark hair was parted on the side and combed straight back. He looked very much like a movie star from the 1940’s. At 5’8”, he had a sturdy build and piercing dark eyes. I swear he could look straight into your soul. At the same time, he appeared to be sizing up each player. You could almost hear the inner workings of his mind say:

*He looks fast.
Definitely a lineman.
Great eye contact.
Big hands. Probably an end.
I’m sure that one’s a freshman
but he’ll grow.*

He took thoughtful puffs on his ever-present pipe. On rainy days he would pack and puff that thing up-side down. Truly miraculous! When he moved, you just knew he was powerful and quick, like a stalking panther. He was singularly



responsible for securing all of the college football gear for the Prep.

He spoke about dedication, loyalty and teamwork and about how he was going to mold us into a winning team. He was straightforward and blended sarcasm with a few off color words. This was in stark contrast to the Jesuit exchanges we listened to daily in class. Their job was to mold our minds, hearts and souls. His was to make us a winning football team. To us, he was Coach or Mr. Ososki. Never Sammy! He was tough and a strict task master. His knowledge of the game was second to none. Every play was scripted, measured and exact. You couldn’t dog it out there in

practice or you’d have to run that play over and over again until you got it right. And then do it again and again. He pushed us to our limits and beyond. He made us hurt, but he made us so much better. We were never unprepared for any game and Coach Ososki made sure that we knew everything about our foes on the field; right down to their girlfriend’s names. Game preparations, as well as an analysis of game performances, rivaled those in the NFL. All of our home games were filmed. The 16 mm tapes did not lie and you couldn’t hide.

Mr. Ososki was more than a coach. He was a second father. Football games were personal. He had an uncanny way of

We were never unprepared for any game and Coach Ososki made sure that we knew everything about our foes on the field; right down to their girlfriend’s names.

making it seem that the opponent was trying to defeat us just to spite him. We railed against that. His pregame and half-time speeches were right out of Hollywood scripts. He could take that pipe and hold it in such a way to make the smoke cause his eyes to water. You didn’t have to know what he was saying. All you needed to motivate yourself was to see your “father” with tears in his eyes because of the other team.

I look back on my high school time and the years I played for Coach Ososki and they were so very special. My sophomore and senior years were (and remain to this day) the Prep’s only undefeated seasons. I didn’t get the full flavor in my sophomore year because an illness curtailed my playing in September. However, in my senior year I relished it. I learned so much about life from Coach Ososki. Those special pearls can be summed up as: Be prepared. Don’t look for short-cuts. Anything done should be done well. Be a team player. Always be loyal. And when you score, don’t rub it in and make it look like you’ve been there before.

I graduated high school, entered college, worked my entire life and lived those lessons. I hope that this student became half the teacher they were.

Coach Ososki is now gone. I still hold his memories and lessons close. Over time, I’ve attended reunions and maintained close relationships with my high school classmates. When Coach Ososki was able to attend some of those gatherings, I got the chance to sit next to him and even called him Sammy! What a thrill! When reminiscing with my old classmates, it is truly remarkable how our conversation eventually drifts to Sammy Ososki, his lessons of life and how much we miss him.

— CLASS OF 2011 COLLEGE DESTINATIONS —

Baruch College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Caldwell College
Carnegie Mellon University
Catholic University
Catholic University of Leuven
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
College Of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of Mount Saint Vincent
College of Saint Rose
Concordia College
Cornell University
Sophie Davis School of the City
of New York
Dickinson College

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
University
Emory University
Fairfield University
Felician College
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Gonzaga University
Grinnell College
Hofstra University
Iona College
Johns Hopkins University
LaSalle University
Long Island University,
CW Post Campus
Loyola University of Chicago
Loyola University of Maryland
Loyola University of New Orleans
Manhattan College
Manhattanville College
Marist College
Marquette University

Massachusetts College of
Pharmacy & Health Sciences
Mercy College
New York Institute of
Technology – Old Westbury
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Pace University
Parsons School for Design
Polytechnic Institute of NYU
Providence College
Quinnipiac College
Rensselaer Polytechnic
Institute
Rochester Institute of
Technology
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Michael’s College
Saint John’s University

Saint Joseph’s University
Santa Clara University
Seton Hall University
Siena College
Skidmore College
SUNY Albany
SUNY Buffalo
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY Maritime College
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Plattsburgh
Syracuse University
Temple University
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Air Force Academy
University of Alabama
University of California
at Santa Barbara
University of Connecticut

University of Maryland,
College Park
University of Miami
University of New Haven
University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Rochester
University of St. Andrew’s
(Scotland)
University of Scranton
University of Tampa
University of Virginia
Villanova University
George Washington University
Westchester Community College
Xavier University
York College of Pennsylvania

Around the Prep

Sophomore Dream Day 2011

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you imagined."

- Henry David Thoreau

On Friday, May 13th, the sophomores entered the theater at 8:30 a.m. with a mixture of curiosity and anticipation. What they knew of the day was that they were allowed to wear jeans and sneakers, they were not going to be attending classes and they were going to be given a free lunch. In other words, the day was looking really good before it even started.

They were also aware that this day, Sophomore Dream Day 2011, was the culmination of various themes that have been explored in group guidance class throughout the academic year. Themes such as the importance of seeking inspiration as well as being an inspiration to others, and the critical task of cultivating a life of purpose by identifying one's strengths, values, goals and resources. The day was opened with a welcome from the Guidance and Counseling department which offer this full-day program annually. The students were told that the day's mission was to inspire them to use their imaginations and envision the possibilities of their own futures. They were encouraged to open both their minds and hearts to what would hopefully become a life-long process; the pursuit

of their own unique purpose, the pursuit of their dreams.

What followed throughout the day included the video presentation, *Dream On*, featuring Fordham Prep faculty and administrators speaking of the importance of identifying goals, following your passions and demonstrating courage and persistence in the face of adversity.

Dr. Gelpi, sophomore teacher and mentor, was one of the main speakers, who through the sharing of his journey in pursuit of his own dreams, inspired the boys to set goals, take responsibility for pursuing them, remain faithful to what is personally most important, be dogged in their pursuit and grateful to the many who will assist them on their way. In addition to the showing of the moving and highly praised film, *Goal! The Dream Begins* and a pizza lunch provided by the Mother's Club, two student acts were part of the day's agenda. In the morning, Fordham Prep senior, Troy Krusz, played two songs on his guitar and in the afternoon, junior, Jeff Limoncelli, performed a magic trick on stage. Both students talked to the sophomores about how they are currently pursuing their



Director of Guidance & Counseling Michael Lacinak, Dream Day Speaker Joseph Bastianich '85, School Counselor Maureen Martinez

passions of music and performing magic.

To end the day's program was keynote speaker Joseph Bastianich, Fordham Prep class of 1985. Joe was a local boy who grew up working in his parent's Italian restaurant in Queens. After attending the Prep and college, Joe pursued a career on Wall Street, but left it in short order to pursue his passions of food and wine. Joe shared with the students how his perception of what it meant to be successful and happy changed over time and how he has never had any regrets about pursuing that which was most meaningful to him. Enthralled by his story,

the students asked Joe many questions about his journey. Joe gave them excellent advice on what it takes to live a life of your dreams.

Joe is partners with his mother, Chef Lidia Bastianich, and the well-known Mario Batali. Joe owns numerous restaurants in New York, Las Vegas and Los Angeles as well as wine estates in Italy. He is a regular on the *Today Show* and currently, a judge on Gordon Ramsey's show, *Master Chef*. Joe and his wife Deanna have three children, whom he counts as his greatest achievements to date.

Rowing Team Nationally Ranked

The Varsity Coxed 4 boat competed in the Youth National Regatta held in Oak Ridge, Tennessee in early June where they placed 5th. The crew placed 2nd in the Scholastic National Regatta held in Camden, New Jersey over Memorial Day Weekend. A realization of goals formed 4 years ago by freshmen that had never rowed before they joined the FP Crew team.

Fordham Prep Crew team originally started in 1915 by John J. Mulcahy (Fordham Prep 1891 & FU 1894). At the 1904 Olympics Mulcahy won the Gold Medal in the "double scull" and the Silver Medal in the "coxed pair". The year 2000 heralded the resurgence of a pedigreed crew team to Fordham Prep when a group of fathers and 11 students worked tirelessly to revive the sport. Four years later the team really took off winning gold and silver at the 2004 NYS Championship Regatta.

Over the past 10 years interest in the sport has grown immeasurably and the team doubled its members in the last two years. Crew continues to become more competitive due to the dedication of the athletes, the Prep Administration, Coach Giacobbe and the undying and energetic family support. 113 students tried out for crew in the spring of 2011, marking the first year that the Fordham Prep crew team made cuts. Coach Giacobbe instituted a 20 person Development team that trained daily at the Lombardi Center and a 50 rower competition team.

2011 proved to be a fantastic year for the Rowing Rams. With FP Athletics and Administration firmly behind the team and Coach Giacobbe training the



returning Novice, JV and Varsity members through the winter, they began the racing season with a hale and hearty travelling team. Additionally, several members of the team were named Scholar Athletes this spring by the NY State Scholastic Rowing Association which recognize scholar athletes who maintain an academic average of 90% or better while participating in the most challenging sport of them all.

Regattas began in April and the Novice and JV 8+ crews were placing solidly in the top 25% of their races. The Novice 8+ won the Gold medal in Saratoga Springs and are the 2011 NYS Champions! The families and team went WILD as the Novice crew crossed the finish line in first place! The JV4+ crew came together, earning silver at the NYS Championship Regatta and the gold at Long Island Junior Championship Regatta in Oyster Bay. This crew rowed valiantly at the Stotesbury Cup and the Scholastic National Regatta. The Varsity Coxed 4 had a goal, to row

at the Youth National Regatta. Their 2nd place finish at Saratoga sealed the Scholastic National and Youth National Regatta entries and last week they made Rowing Rams history by becoming the first Prep crew to make the A Finals at the 2011 Youth National Regatta. Physically, the smallest crew in the A Finals, they earned 5th place in the Nation behind crews who row 3 or 4 seasons to our 1 season. This was no small feat! Thanks to Coach Giacobbe for his vision and the incredible number of hours he has devoted to the team.

If you would like more information about Fordham Prep Crew or to be added to our alumni contact list you may contact Carol Velardi at: mcdarmm@aol.com. To connect with Rowing Ram alumni on Facebook search Fordham Prep Crew. If you would like to donate to the Rowing Rams please contact Patricia Siebecker at: psiebecker@aol.com.

Talk



CHSAA Champions!

Lacrosse



Varsity & Junior Varsity are CHSAA Champions!

Alumni Senior Breakfast



Ryan Friedmann, Patrick Fowley, Nick Fusco, Kevin Norton '71, Jim Parker '71, Daniel Fiore, Nicholas Florez



Ezekiel Jiles, Maxwell Kinder, William McCabe '76, Eric Kenyon

2011 Alumni – Senior Breakfast

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

The Garden Terrace Room at The New York Botanical Garden

More than 50 alumni welcomed the Class of 2011 to the ranks of Prep alumni at the Annual Alumni-Senior Breakfast which was held in The Garden Terrace Room of The New York Botanical Garden. Breakfast speaker and Prep trustee Donn McNamee spoke to the soon-to-be alumni about the role that his Prep education still plays in his life. He encouraged the Class of 2011 to keep in touch with the Prep and their classmates. Thanks to the following alumni who served as table hosts at the Alumni-Senior Breakfast.

Dennis Ahern '63

*Assistant Principal for Professional Development & Supervision
Fordham Prep*

Charles Andruss '91

*Director, FX Institutional Sales
UBS Securities, LLC*

Robert Armbruster '59

*Retired Journalist
Adjunct Professor at Saint Peter's College*

Bruce Bott '59

*Former Dean of Students
Fordham Prep
Hall of Honor Member*

Michael Carey, Ph.D. '86

*Dean of Students
Manhattan College*

Paul Curran '75

*Chief Development Officer
Axio Power*

Charon Darris '94

*Vice President/Senior Business Banker for Metro New York
M & T Bank*

Sean Davey '80

*Attorney
The Law Office of Sean Davey*

Daniel Dougherty

*Assistant to Secondary & Pre-Secondary Education
New York Province of the Society of Jesus
Prep Trustee*

Joseph Femenia '94

*Vice President in Distressed Bank Loan Trading
Goldman Sachs
Board of Directors, United States Navy Seals Foundation*

David Fitzgerald '87

*Executive Director & Senior Counsel
UBS*

Matthew Fitzgerald '91

*Global Head of Regulatory & Operational Risk Management
UBS Investment Bank*

Joseph Fitzsimons '02

*Fixed Income Sales Associate
KGS Alpha Capital Markets*

Michael Fitzsimons '96

*Senior Analyst
Pan Reliance Capital Advisors*

Marc Flamino '85

*Managing Director
H2 Capital Partners*

Anthony Fletcher '88

Corporate Securities Attorney in Private Practice

Paul Frank '56

*Partner
Hodgson Russ, LLP
Former Chairman of the Board of Trustees*

Robert Galasso '69

*Senior Civil Engineer
Travelers Insurance Company*

John Geraghty '60

*Retired – Credit Suisse First Boston
US Naval Academy Graduate & Vietnam War Veteran
Former Prep Trustee*

Robert Gomprecht '65

*Principal
Fordham Prep*

Robert Gomprecht '89

*Director
Bank of America Merrill Lynch*

Sean Gregory '94

*Staff Writer
Time Magazine*

John Haley '87

*Director of Campaign Strategy
New York Presbyterian Hospital*

Brian Harpur '92

*Financial Representative
Northwestern Mutual Financial Network*

William Heitmann '66

*Senior Vice President of Finance
Verizon*

Daniel Hickey '84

*Owner
Stepping Stones Management*

Cassandra Hyacinthe

*Assistant Principal
Mount Vernon High School
Prep Trustee*

Maurice Hyacinthe '77

*Vice President & Chief Operating Officer
HMH Management Company, LLC*

John Kahl

*Vice President for Development & Alumni Relations
Fordham Prep*

Peter Madonia '72

*Chief Operating Officer
The Rockefeller Foundations*

John McCabe '81

*Managing Director, US Debt Syndicate
Royal Bank of Scotland*

Michael McCabe '75

*Partner
Deloitte Financial Advisory Services*

William McCabe '76

*Partner & Head of Intellectual Property Litigation Group
Ropes & Gray*

Donn McNamee '87

*Senior Vice President
Newedge Group, USA*

John Montes '90

*Detective/Attorney
New York Police Department Legal Bureau*

Robert Moschetta '90

*Owner/Operator
Entertainment & Sounds Unlimited*

Michael Murray '01

*Vice President & Convertible Bond Trader
Morgan Stanley*

Mario R. Nacinovich Jr. '90

*Managing Director
AXON*

John Neary '87

*Global Head of Multi-Asset Portfolios
Morgan Stanley
Chairman of the Board of Trustees*

Kevin Norton '71

*Managing Director
The Bank of New York Mellon*

Thomas Palmieri, M.D. '56

*Associate Professor of Surgery
Albert Einstein College of Medicine*

James Parker '71

*Executive Vice President
American Red Cross*

Bradley Serton '95

*Director of Programming Integration
MSG Varsity*

Evan Serton '94

*Vice President & Relationship Manager
Cohen & Steers*

Bradley Smith '95

*Senior Managing Director
Elevation, LLC*

Father Luke Sweeney '92

*Vocation Director for Archbishop Dolan
Archdiocese of New York*

Timothy Tostanoski '74

*Owner
Truckmiles
Prep Trustee*

Dr. Russell Trahan '77

*Attending Podiatric Surgeon
Saint Barnabas Hospital*

Mark Varrichio, Jr. '84

*Managing Director & Head of Hedge Fund Sales & Trading
ITG*

William Whelan '76

*Partner
Cravath, Swaine & Moore
Prep Trustee*

Paul Williams '56

*Retired Director of Human Resources
Time Warner
Past Trustee*

George Zambetti, M.D. '68

*Orthopedic Surgeon in Private Practice
Team Physician – Fordham Prep & Fordham College*

Victor Zimmermann, Jr. '70

*Partner
Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, LLP*



Nick Stanaj, Paul Spano, William Whelan '76, Trevor Tann, John Sussingham



John Neary '87, Alumni – Senior Breakfast Speaker Donn McNamee '87, David Fitzgerald '87

Reunions



1961

1961 50 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES

Francis Apicella, Gregory Babiak, John Bowes, Philip Brady, Thomas Bryden, Vincent Cahill, Kevin Collins, John Connolly, Michael Corcoran, Brian Cunningham, Vincent Enright, John Fallon, Michael Fischetti, Paul Freeman, Mario Gabelli, Joseph Galante, Donald Grieco, James Grundy, Thomas Hildner, Kenneth Hoffman, Charles Horgan, William Huber, William Kelly, John LaFond, Brian Levack, Carl Liggio, Thomas Lillis, Nicholas Lombardi, Frank J. Mangieri, William Masciarelli, Kenneth McCulloch, Thomas McKeever, Jerome Menkhaus, Edward Morante, Edward Moy, Thomas O'Connor, Gary Oswald, Richard Peduto, Gerard J. Pelisson, George Popel, Peter Ricca, Donald Ross, Timothy Scannell, Michael Silane, John Starrs, Paul Tarallo, Frank Tubridy, Stephen Varley, Adam Zsolnay

1966 45 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES

1966

Rino Aldrighetti, Peter Buffa, Drew Carlson, Thomas Caserta, James Casey, Francis Crawford, Thomas Douglas, Dennis Drehner, John Duggan, Kenneth Ferruzzi, Armando Galella, George Hebron, William Heitmann, Timothy F. Horgan, John Lamb, Gerard Lange, Peter G. Leider, Edward Leight, Walter Miclo, Kenneth Moretti, William Mulligan, Louis Quintano, Dennis Riordan, James Riviello, Thomas Stokes, John Sullivan, Wesley T. Wallace, Robert Wasp, Fred Yannantuono,



1971

1971 40 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES

Francisco Becerra, Joseph Carballeira, Domenick DiPasquale, Mario DiStasio, Joseph Federici, Michael Fox, John Fugett, Peter Hanley, George Heussner, James Hurley, James Hyde, Michael Letterese, Samson Liao, Peter Mastracchio, Richard Mattiaccio, Brian McCarthy, Edward McCullough, Paul McCullough, Ignacio Navarrete, Kevin Norton, Patrick Pagano, James Parker, George Press, Michael Quinlan, John Regan, Lester Rozycki, James Scott, William Serletis, Shea

1976

1976 35 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES

Thomas Bell, Mario Biaggi, Edward Bonanno, Timothy Brosnan, Thomas Campbell, John Cautillo, Michael Considine, David Cora, Louis DelGuercio, Domenico DelliCarpini, Richard Duke, Matthew Fitzsimons, Dieter Freer, James Howard, William Korchak, Roman Kozicky, Guy Lester, Mark Liscio, William McCabe, Joseph Molloy, Michael Moore, Steven Sheil, Ted Slater, Robert Spolzino, William Whelan, Chris Yandow, Francis Young



1981

1981 30 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES

Laurence Bodkin, Michael Carr, Paul Felicissimo, Michael Franceschini, Eric Grubelich, Gavin Huntley-Fenner, Stephen Kolyer, Paul Lee, Peter McGinn, Antonio Molestina, Kevin O'Connor, Anthony Puleo, Paul Pyrch, David Reiss, William Schwartz, Kenneth Shea, Brian Stanton, Raymond Zimmerman



1986

1986 25 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES

Christopher Alberio, Christopher Bernard, James Boyle, Jeffrey Brathwaite, James Brophy, Michael Canavan, Michael Carey, Keith Cunniffe, Gerard Drohan, Gerald Esmond, Giulio Faustini, Ramon German, William Keane, Martin Keefe, Luigi LaVerghetta, Thomas Leahy, Christopher Lee, Charles Lippolis, Patrick Longo, John Mallon, Christopher Mantle, Paul McTigue, Adolph Mondrone, Dean Morretta, John Morriss, Eric Pasquale, Silvio Pietroluongo, Michael Reilly, Michael Rynne, Gregory Santomero, William Smith, Philip Talamo, John Tracey, Carlos Vanga, Julio Varela, Bruce Wagner, Kenneth Watson, James Welsh





1991

1991 20 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES

Asberto Alvero, Charles Andruss, Thomas Brennan, Salvatore Conti, Douglas Dolan, John Dolce, Stephen Famularo, John Favale, Sean Fleming, Brian Fogarty, David Guerrero, Ronald Kemly, Martin Kropf, David Maldonado, Raymond Medina, Robert Occhiogrossi, Philip Pallone, Bryant Pappas, Michael Reynolds, Bryan Rivera, Irving Roman, Mark Sternefeld, John Sullivan, Nikol Uljaj

1996

1996 15 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES

Michael Boland, Michael Cardosa, Ronald Castillo, Brian Cintron, Joseph Daly, Daniel Dengler, Paul DiSenso, D. Conan Dolce, Victor Emmanuel, Michael Gorman, Daniel Henderson, Charles Hill, Thomas Johnson, John Liszewski, John Martin, Michael McCrosson, Alex Molina, Jason Monserrate, Peter Neckles, David Polizzi, Nelson Ritter, Scott Sayegh, Michael Sullivan, Robert Villani, John Waters



2001

2001 10 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES

Joseph Abinanti, Mark Ambrosi, Kevin Barrett, Stephen Caruso, Matthew Cicero, David W. Clarke, Kevin Clerkin, Mark Corritori, Brian Costigan, Vincent Dailey, Patrick Daly, Thomas Fallon, Arthur Fay, Francisco Ferrer, Michael Forman, Scott Gagliardi, David Goggin, Blaise Goswami, Mark Hannigan, Matthew Hogan, Kevin Howard, James Hutchison, Christopher Jangl, Jonathan Jeremias, Kevin Joyce, Robert Lynch, Colm McCarthy, Brendan McNamara, Athanasios Mitsios, Michael Montaldo, Louis Morrissey, Sean O'Connell, Brendan O'Shea, Brian Padgett, Kevin Phipps, Diogenes Pulicay, Matthew Rinklin, Ronald Roux, Michael Sangobowale, Ben Shephard, Daniel Sherman, Timothy Slakas, George Straehle, Edward Sutton, Michael Twomey, Matthew Ventura, Michael Viele, Daniel Viera, John Werner, Andrew Westphal, Deavon Wilson, David Ye



2006

2006 5 YEAR REUNION

ATTENDEES – 80 classmates attended.

It is the best attended reunion on record

Steven Arroyo-Falcon, Angel Ayala, Justin Barden, Robert Barresi, Constantinos Bellas, Antonio Blasetti, Ryan Boate, John Bradley, Julian Buffa, Christopher R. Ciurleo, Eric Collazo, Thomas Conway, Timothy Coussa, Derek Crimmins, Lawrence DeBellis, Matthew DeFrancesco, Ramon DeLaCruz, Joseph Delaney, Francis Delgado, Michael DelVecchio, Luke DePasquale, Joseph DeSimone, Geoffrey DeSoye, John Dingee, Brian Doherty, Stephen Donat, Brendan Dunn, Terrence Egan, Marcos Ferrer, Dennis Grant, Frank Graziano, Christopher Gross-Pareres, Thomas Halpin, Brendan Hickey, David Ifill, Patrick Knowles, Kevin Kushner, Daniel Liberatori, Justin Lockwood, Brian Lynch, Charles H. S. Mackenzie, Peter V. Malfa, Peter Marasco,

Anthony Massey, Michael McDonnell, Thomas McGovern, Garrett McGrath, Christopher McSweeney, Michael McTigue, Jean Molina, Joseph Monroig, Stephen Morgan, Kevin Mullaney, Matthew Murray, Joseph Namy, Connor Nugent, Thomas O'Connor, Michael Palladino, Michael Paranac, Daniel Pivak, Vincent Porpora, Timothy Quinn, Rory Regan, William Regan, Matthew J. Rose, Burton Ryan, Thomas Ryan, Angelo Salvatico, Patrick Schramm, Justin Servino, Nicholas Smatt, Anthony Sulla-Heffinger, William Titus, Robert Tremberger, David Tubiolo, Brandon Velez, Carlos Verni, John Vielandi, Colum Weiden, Joseph Zarakas



Prep History

Considering that Fordham Prep had already celebrated its golden jubilee nearly a decade before the 19th century would draw to a close, it is not surprising that the early 21st century has seen (and will continue to see) a number of significant anniversaries for some of the Prep's most time-honored traditions. Prep football, for instance, will mark its 125th year in 2012, having begun its legacy in 1887 with that legendary scoreless game against Xavier that was called on account of darkness. Just this past year, Prep baseball celebrated its historic 150th, and come September 2013, the Aqua Rams will observe their centennial as an official team sport. (Of course, recreational Prep swimming dates back even 72 years further, when Prep boys would first head to the Second Division

Swimming Hole down on the Bronx River.) Not only swimming, but Prep theater will also reach a 100-year milestone in 2013, with the commemoration of the April 1913 production of *M. Balmer*, the first distinct Fordham Prep show.

This coming September 19th, any student so unlucky as to bring walking jug on himself will have the distinct "honor" of making his punitory perambulation on the 90th anniversary of walking jug, instituted by none other than Fr. Arthur Shea, S.J. (then still a scholastic), legendary Prep Prefect of Discipline. And by the way, no use trying to calculate a founding date for the concept of jug itself — as an anonymous student from 1886 reminds us, "It is immortal."

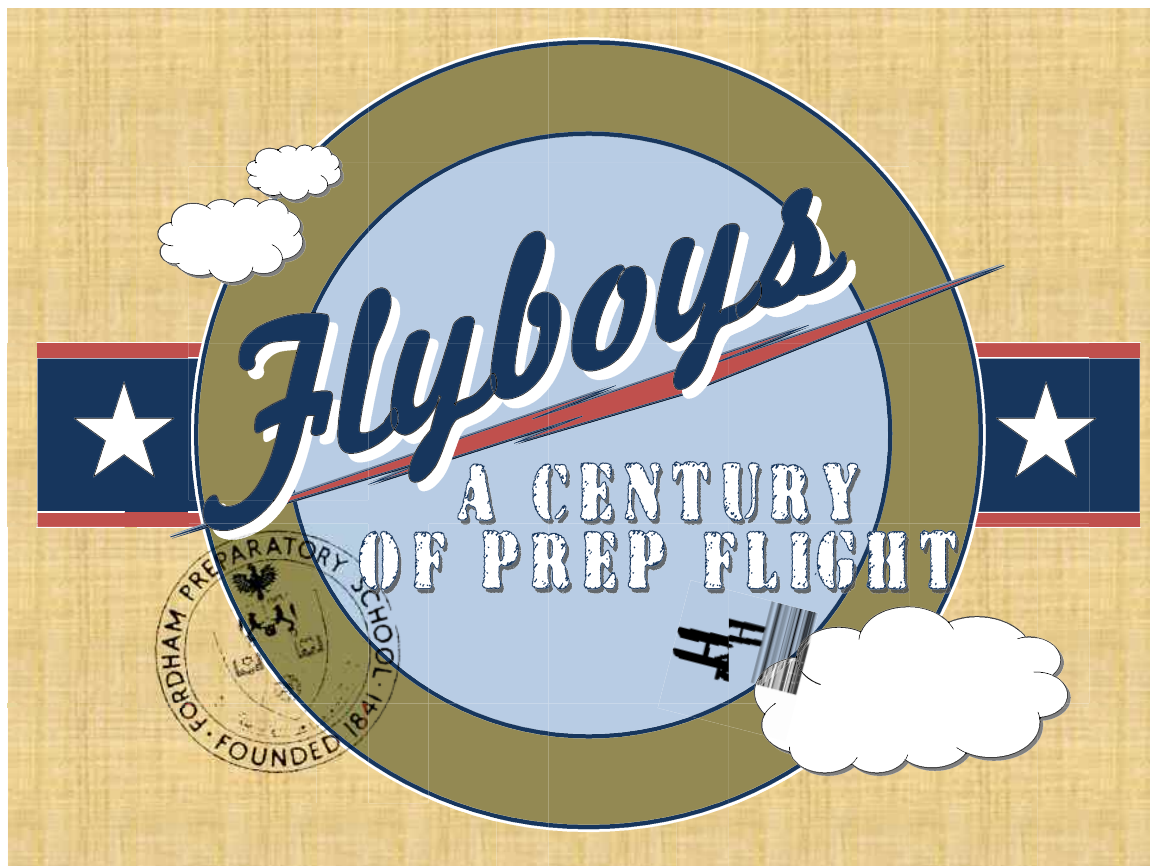
Athletics, dramatics and disciplinary practices aside, even an institution as mundane as the Prep Lost-and-Found can boast of its venerability, founded in 1888 as the Holy Childhood Book Pound (for Wayward Tomes and Articles) by Joseph Faye, Class of 1889. Incidentally, Faye's fee for reuniting an item with its owner was one penny — ostensibly for charity, though it is difficult to say how many of those pennies actually found their way into the poorbox and how many wound up as Joe's sarsaparilla money. With the Holy Childhood Book Pound's 125th anniversary only two years away, we can certainly appreciate that a sense of humor has been part of the Prep tradition from the very beginning.

But perhaps one of the most unexpected dates from our history books is the 1908 founding of what is today called the Fordham Prep Aviation Club. It is remarkable to think that just five years after Kitty Hawk, would-be Prep pilots were already visiting plane shows and spending time at the airport. And just what airport could they possibly have been visiting in 1908? The very first one, of course, which conveniently happened to be right here in the Bronx.

Most readers will probably recognize Morris Park as the name of the tree-lined, residential Bronx neighborhood and its main thoroughfare. Some may even know that before the area was built up, it was the site of the Morris Park Racecourse, host of both the Preakness and Belmont Stakes in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. What is often forgotten, however, is that in 1908, the track was taken over by the New York Aeronautical Society, creating what is considered by some historians to be the first public airport in the country. In what would be the original incarnation of the Aviation Club, Prep students would make the 2½ mile walk to watch the various early plane exhibits. Over the next few years, with World War I just beyond the horizon, those first Fordham aerophiles would watch aviation technology take off. Suddenly, the sky was the limit.

Housed in the Prep Archives is an original copy of *Aerial Age Magazine* dating back to the war years, perhaps the confiscated extracurricular reading of a sky-minded student from nearly a century ago. There are also clippings from wartime issues of the *Fordham Ram* (in those days as much the Prep's newspaper as the College's) — ads for Eagle Aviation School with its Farmingdale, Long Island airfield. After all, as the ad reads, "Aviation is the industry of today!"

On a somber note, though we do not know if he was on one of those jaunts to the Morris Park Aerodrome, we do know that Walter Thompson, a Prep student around 1910, was a U.S. Naval Aviator in World War I and that he died serving his country in September of 1918. A second air casualty of the war was John Purroy Mitchel, Class of 1894, who had actually been Mayor of New York City from 1914 through 1918 before embarking on his tragically short military career. After his term in office — an administration remembered as one of governmental responsibility and reform — Mitchel would enlist in the Army Air Corps at age 39. Shortly afterwards, on July 6, 1918, Capt. Mitchel would perish on a training mission. The now-decommissioned Mitchel Air Force Base out in Hempstead was named in his memory, where in fact, years later, alum and now-retired faculty member, Dr. Frank Holbrook '45, would be



stationed by the Air Force in 1952 as Air Police Adjutant.

During World War II, a Prep organization for students interested in aeronautics was born once again, this time as a subset of the Industrial Arts Club. Dedicated and patriotic, these aviation buffs would lend their talents to the war effort, creating model aircraft that were actually used by the military for training purposes. Many alums would see combat during the Second World War — flyboys among them — including Air Force pilot Jerry Boyle '39, graphic artist Robert Leydenfrost '43 who flew missions aboard B-17 Flying Fortresses, and Col. John "Jack" Fischer '32, a decorated fighter pilot who was shot down over Germany in 1944, bailed out of his burning plane, and spent 15 months as a POW. (As his daughter tells the story, upon

his liberation, he immediately jumped into a borrowed plane, flew to Belgium, and proposed to Red Cross worker Eleanor Donohue.) There were also a good number of Fordham men who would make the ultimate sacrifice in Europe or in the Pacific. Among them was Pilot Officer Robert F. Minnick, Class of 1937, a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, who died in Scotland in 1940 before the United States had even entered the war. Minnick had always been an adventurous soul (he was nearly expelled from the Prep when he was caught taking an unauthorized tour of Keating Hall while it was still under construction) and so, before America's involvement in World War II was even decided, Minnick plotted his own course of action and set off for Canada to take a stand against the atrocities overseas.

The Korean War would also see Prep alums take to the skies. Among them was Army pilot Joseph McCarthy '48 who flew aerial missions during the war and afterwards would fly recreationally as a licensed glider pilot. Robert Gomprecht, M.D. '41 (father of the current Prep principal) served as a flight surgeon and an instructor of aviation medicine on Gunter Air Force Base, and Col. Jack Fischer would fly once again, both on reconnaissance and humanitarian missions, helping to establish Catholic orphanages for the children of the war-torn region. In addition to the Purple Heart and Air Medal he received for his service in WWII, Fischer was also awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal and two Air Medals for his efforts during the Korean War.

As American involvement grew in Vietnam during the '60s, once again Prepmen would be called into service, including aviator alums such as Donald O'Connor '59, who flew with the Marine Corps. And among the many casualties of the war was Prep Hall of Honor inductee Maj. Eugene Pabst '60 whose aircraft went down over Vietnam on October 7, 1966. On the homefront, the 1960's would mark the arrival of Mr. Arthur McCormack on the Fordham Prep faculty after a full career at Eastern Airlines. Ever the inimitable raconteur, McCormack would make certain that tales of the wild blue yonder would be part of Prep consciousness for years to come.

Nearly four decades later, with McCormack as his mentor and inspiration, Mr. Raymond González of the Science Department would obtain his light sport pilot license and once again resurrect the Fordham Prep Aviation Club in 2006, adding video simulators and remote control aircraft to the long history of the Prep's fascination with flight. The club was featured this past spring on MSG Varsity's *High School Journal*. Recent members have included Anthony Zerafa '07, Miguel Hummel '10, Philip Truong '10 (Prep diving record holder), and Garrett Gowan '13. It is worth noting that Dr. Martin Carney of the Religion Department, as well as Cameron Granda '12, Daniel Lee '12, and Daniel Golden '12 are all considered honorary Aviation Club members, as eyewitnesses of US Airways Flight 1549 — Sullenberger's "Miracle on the Hudson" — as it tumbled through the skies over the Bronx. The footage they captured on their cellphones was used by local newscasts.

From among the alumni of this 21st-century incarnation of the Aviation Club, Anthony Zerafa is already a licensed pilot. Zerafa joins the ranks of other aviator alums including Maurice Crommie '48, former Air Force pilot and jet engine designer; Prep trustee and licensed pilot Edward Flynn '53; James Buckman '62 who has served as a lieutenant with Air Force Reserve and the Connecticut Air National Guard; former Navy pilot John Vrionis '64; Delta pilot Richard Dolan '67; Peter McCarthy '68, retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and veteran pilot for Southwestern Airlines; retired Air Force pilot Col. William De Maso '83; his brother, Lt. Daniel De Maso '88, a former Navy pilot currently with Jet Blue; and Lt. Jim Purekal '94 and Air Medal recipient Cpt. Steven Piacente '00, Marine helicopter pilots currently on active duty. Most recently, Christopher Lyver '11 received his appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy — the latest proud chapter in a Prep story 103 years in the telling.

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1943

In the small world department: **Vin DeBaun** and **Bill McCahill '45** have discovered that their apartments are just a few doors apart on the same floor in the same building in their retirement community near Boston. They have been exchanging notes on life in the trenches (irregular Latin verbs and the binomial theorem) in old Hughes Hall

1953

Charles "Max" Pelisson sent in this report on the Class of 1953 annual reunion: "**Ed Flynn** managed to gather (16) classmates for our annual 1953 class reunion at the Water Club in NYC on Tuesday May 24, 2011, the eighteenth consecutive reunion since its inception. There were last minute cancellations from a number of classmates who usually attend cutting down on the attendance for this year. We welcomed **Fr. Boller** who led us in prayers for our recently deceased classmates, **Jay Carroll**, **Bill Mulderig** and **Emilio Abello**. We also prayed and asked for God's blessings for **Al Kelty**, **George Freehill** and **Tom Quinn**, classmates who are working through a variety of illnesses. After dinner Fr. Boller provide us with a summary of the remarkable activities and programs currently going on at the Prep. Given his busy schedule and with graduation the next day, 5/25 we were appreciative of his presence. It was also nice to see a number of classmates who had not been with us for a couple of years, **Al Liquorie**, **Bernie Dengler**, **Tim Fitzpatrick**, **Bruce Berger** and **Don Brudie** who is now the Mayor of Garden City, LI in addition to his legal practice. **John Murphy** updated us on our class of 53 scholarship fund which has been very helpful in support of several Prep students. John along with **Ed Flynn** encouraged us to continue to support this worthwhile program. As a side note, we also welcomed **Bill Murphy '52**, John's brother who was in town from Boston. Many of us know him from our days at the Prep. One final item, **Bob James** took the initiative to get our class involved in the early stages of the New Prep History which is being developed in honor of the Prep's 175th anniversary some five years from now. Bob brought with him a video camera and asked that each of us at the dinner provide some memories about their days at the Prep. It was fun and a good beginning for this project which we will co-ordinate with the Prep. To close, it was a busy evening but filled as always with fun and terrific stories. At the same time, we missed the piano playing of **Roy Montana** and his sidekick **Al Madden**."

1958

Rev. Joseph Lux, S.J. will be working at Canisius High School helping with student retreats, chaplain for athletic teams, moderator of the Parents' Association, and helping with Ignatian retreats for adults.

1961

A plaque was dedicated to the late **Laurence Dengler** at the Dobbs Ferry, NY Metro North train station. The plaque acknowledges his long service to the community. Larry passed away on March 28, 2010. **Michael Silane** reports that he "has changed gears and am presently Director of Vascular Education at Weill-Cornell Medical School. Have also recently stepped down as President of the New York Society for Vascular Surgery. Still seeing patients every day."

1962

Francis Riley is living in Dunedin, FL. He has worked for the United States Postal Service for 47 years.

1963

Jenik Radon sent in the following update: "My winter/spring has been hectic. As my New York commute is non-existent, I have

1964 Annual Reunion



The Class of 1964 got together for their annual reunion Ascension Thursday on Arthur Avenue.

now taken to seeking out a compensatory commute with the result that in a ten week period from mid-March to early June I have been in Kabul, Afghanistan five times, as well as in Pakistan, India, Turkmenistan, Dubai and the Philippines. I now represent the Afghan Ministry of Mines in a new multi-nation 1,500 kilometer gas pipeline transaction called TAPI, which when completed should be a stabilizer in that region. Gas means power, which brings energy, which provides light, which results (hopefully) in peace and development. In addition, I have joined the Board, together with representatives from India and China, of the new international G. P. Koirala Center for Peace, Democracy and Development headquartered in Kathmandu, Nepal. There I also lectured on the Nepali constitutional process and federalization and in India on minority rights and language. More locally, I gave a presentation at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth on energy infrastructure development in Central Asia. With the summer upon us, my students are now pursuing their varied projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Lastly I am looking forward to attending a host of summer weddings of my students in Vermont and the UK."

1964

William Perry is an author having written *Dekker's Reach*: "Situated on an idyllic campus in a suburban Connecticut town, The Academy of the Daughters of Christ is a fashionable, well-established and prosperous Catholic girls' day school. Applications, college acceptances and the financial aid program are all on the upswing. Despite all appearances of success and serenity, an unconventional insurrection is stirring within its ivy-laden walls. Its targets are the imperious head of school and her self-absorbed assistant head. The prime movers of the uprising are one of the head's appointed administrators and two highly regarded, long-term faculty members. In addition to what I think will prove an engaging read, your purchase is directly linked to a project that is very important to me. After paying for printing and commission (the piper!), all proceeds from your book purchase (\$4.98 a copy) are being donated to The **John Vronis** Sportsman Scholarship at Fordham Prep in New York. John is a former classmate of mine—a Hall of Fame athlete who has battled MS for almost 30 years. (If you want to read his story in detail, please consider buying a copy of *Promise-Fulfilled: The John Vronis Story* that is also available through Lulu.com.)"

1967

After 17 years as the Seryl Kushner Dean of the College of Arts and Science at NYU, **Matthew Santirocco** is moving to a new position, as NYU's Senior Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs. Among his responsibilities will be to head up (from New York) the curriculum development for NYU's new liberal arts college in Shanghai.

Before coming to NYU, Matthew had been Dean of the College at the University of Pennsylvania, where he had chaired the Classics department. He remains active in the field, editing the professional journal, 'Classical World' and directing NYU's Center for Ancient Studies. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2009.



The O'Connor brothers, Kevin '81, Frank '73, James '78 and Brendan '88, belt out the Fordham fight song in their Fordham Prep finest attire purchased from Ye Olde Prep Shoppe.

1969

James Moran has been appointed interim president of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Edinboro, with nearly 8,700 students, and located near Erie, is one of 14 universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

1971

Joseph Carballeira has recently accepted a new position as Managing Director with the fund of funds specialist with Meridian Capital Partners, Inc.

1975

Michael Gallagher was recently reelected for a second term as president of the alumni chapter of the School of Management at George Mason University in Virginia, where I got my MBA in 1994. The Stevie Awards, which he started in 2002, will celebrate their 10th year in 2012. This year's International Business Awards will be in Abu Dhabi in October, and possibly in Monaco next year.

1976

Gregory Sanza is Principal Reservoir Engineer for ConocoPhillips in Houston. He recently returned from expatriate status after living/working overseas the past eleven years (seven years in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and four years in Kuwait). He can personally attest that "yes, Auntie Em, there's no place like home!"

1977

Christopher Schuyler has returned to the United States and joined White and Williams LLP as Counsel on April 4th focusing on business, transactional and finance issues for corporate and insurance industry clients, as well as regulatory counseling for insurers, reinsurers and insurance brokers.

1979

Todd Foley is the Senior Vice President, Policy & Government Relations at American Council On Renewable Energy (ACORE)

1981

Gregory Bender and his company K12Alerts was featured in a recent article in the Journal News - <http://www.lohud.com/article/20110626/LIFESTYLE01/106260332/Meet-Greg-Bender-brains-behind-K12-Alert-System>

1979 Washington, D.C. Reunion

Class of 1979 members **Matt Morrison**, **Joe McDermott**, **Kieran Gallagher**, **Pat Reidy**, **Charlie Dolan**, **Chris Bader**, **Mark Edwards**, **Ed White** and **Todd Foley** and **Chuck Foster '78** got together in Washington, DC for some kayaking, some Nationals baseball, some golf and a few adult beverages.



Pictured from left to right: Chuck, Kieran, Ed, Todd, Charlie, Chris, Joe, Matt, Pat, and Mark.

Dan Cronin '98 Wedding



A few members of the Prep community were in attendance when **Daniel Cronin '98** married Danielle Russo – (left to right) **Kevin Connolly '04**, **Sean McLaughlin '95**, **Ken Obermeier '97**, **Dan Cronin '98**, **Bob McCarthy '69**, **Fred Hundt '95**, **John Cronin '95**, **Stephane Martin '98**, **Pete Corritori '98**, **PJ Miklus '00**.

1983
William DeMaso retired from the US Air Force at the end of June. The DeMasos are moving to the Alexandria VA/Wash DC area again so Bill can begin a job search.

1988
Mark FitzPatrick has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Finance at Time Warner Cable. In this new role, FitzPatrick will be overseeing capital planning and forecasting for the company as well as providing finance support to additional departments including the Advanced Technology Group, the Technology Services Group, Strategy and New Business Development, including Wireless. In addition, he continues to be responsible for financial planning and analysis for the Company, and provide finance support to the Company's Investor Relations, Marketing, Customer Care and Programming teams. He will also work extensively with the Regional CFOs and Media Sales. FitzPatrick will continue to report to the Chief Financial Officer. **Thomas Burger** is now leading small business development activities across Microsoft Retail Stores nationwide.

1989
Sean Salo has joined Enter:New Media, a social media and digital agency, as Director, Entertainment Accounts. He oversees the entertainment line of business for Enter: New Media, and manage digital and social media strategy for our clients, and spearhead new business efforts in that category.

1990
In May, for the third consecutive year, **Robert Moschetta** and his video production company, Entertainment & Sounds Unlimited, handled all the production needs for Columbia University's Med School Commencement Exercises. Rob's company

recently did work with women's clothing and apparel company Eileen Fischer and we are proud to announce that he is contracted to produce the 2011 Fordham Prep Hall of Honor Video. **Terrence Finneran** is a Foreign Service Officer with the State Department. His first assignment is as a desk officer in Washington, DC covering Somalia. He is interested in learning of other Prep alums in this line of work.

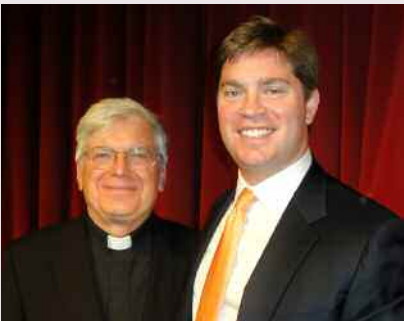
1992
Brian Bickerstaff sent in this update: "I have just finished performing with the NYC Opera at Lincoln Center in a show called Monodramas. I have been very active in the Theater here in NYC and abroad and I can credit my passion for theater and performance to Father O'Malley. He was quite an inspiration and I will never forget the seed of confidence he planted in my creative spirit."

1994
Michael Balestra is Assistant Sports Media Relations Director at my alma mater, Fordham University. **Charon Darris** is now enrolled in Columbia University's Executive MBA Program. **Paul Mastropolo**, after 9 years at Bank of America, recently accepted an HR position at SAS Institute, headquartered in Cary, NC. SAS has been recognized as the #1 best company to work for in the U.S. by *Fortune* Magazine the last two years.

1996
Adrien Smith sent in the following update: "I have taken another mission within Bristol Myers Squibb to lead the innovation and marketing within the virology division for the European headquarters located in Paris. Besides that, if there are any students whom may be interested in coming to France, please know that I can be of help or for

Vincent Murray '98

Vincent Murray '98 was the speaker at the Prep's 2011 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony in May. Vinnie spoke about the four qualities, scholarship, service, leadership and character, that earned the inductees membership. "Acceptance here is to be lauded but is not the end of the road, rather a call to begin a pursuit of excellence."



those whom may be interested in biotechnology/ pharmaceuticals industry. I am an alumnus of Lafayette College where I serve as an "ambassador" for students who are looking to coming to France and for those who have questions about the industry. **Nelson Ritter** received his J.D. degree from the Fordham University Law School.

1997
Michael Atadika is an associate banker with J.P. Morgan Private Bank. **Charles Baserap**, a former member of the Secret Service, was interviewed by the Fox affiliate in Washington, D.C. after the death of Osama Bin Laden (<http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/news/politics/osama-bin-laden-fox-5-reaction-050211>).

2000
James Lewis will be marrying Angelina Vivolo at St. Patrick's Cathedral on August 13th. The Mass will be officiated by former Prep teacher Father Michael Sehler, S.J.

2003
Philip Fico completed his degree in veterinary medicine.

2004
James Delaney is working in the real estate

accounting department at The Blackstone Group. **Vijay DaCosta** completed his year with the Capuchin Franciscan Volunteer Corps at Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries in Garrison, New York. Starting in August, he will be working in the Campus Ministry department at Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC, as the Assistant Director of Retreats and Service. He looks forward to meeting or reconnecting with other Prep alumni in the DC Metropolitan Area!

2005
Kevin Dwyer was accepted into the Ph.D. program in the Department of English with a Creative Writing concentration at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He was also awarded a Ph.D. assistantship. Kevin will be teaching two courses a semester, beginning with two sections of freshmen composition, in addition to his academic curriculum.

2006
Stephen Donat, **Geoffrey DeSoye** and **Dennis Robinson** were alumni leaders during one of the Prep's Tennessee Trips for their fifth time. The number includes trips made as alumni and students.

Fathers and Sons



Thomas Whelan and his father **Thomas Whelan '80**, **Patrick Civetta** and his father **Theodore Civetta '72**, **Christopher Sullivan** and his father **Christopher Sullivan '83**, **Michael O'Leary** and his uncle **Vincent O'Leary** (Michael's father, Michael was a member of the Class of 1964), **Ryan Gilligan** and his father **Kevin Gilligan '83** and **Thomas Gerke** and his grandfather **Thomas McQuillan '46**.

Births/Adoptions

1989 Michael Anthony, to *Angelo and Patricia Sedacca*
1992 Brieda Marie, to *Terence and Ashley Huvane*
1994 Alice Louise, to *Michael and Danielle Balestra*

1995 Declan McGinty, to *Michael and Celeen Doody*
1996 Nathan Erik, to *John and Jessica Waters*
1999 Sophia Maria, to *Francis and Nele Borchardt*

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. John J. McDonnell, C.M. '34
James T. Reap '36
John D. Barringer '47
Rev. Ralph Christman, M.M.'47
Arthur T. Maguire '47
Bernard Durkin '49
Martin W. McGrath '49
George T. Wohlpart '49
William F. Quirk '51
James F. Casey '52
Alfred J. Elliot '52
Patrick C. Gubitose '52, father of Patrick '82
John J. Quinn '52
Emilio G. Abello '53
Alfred J. Kely '53
William M. Mulderig '53

Frederick S. Mortati '54
Richard Shust '55
Patrick Wallace '55
Keith Burns '69
Joseph V. Battipaglia '72
Vincent J. Brisotti '73
Anthony W. Silverio '87
Eva Quintano, mother of Robert '60, Louis '66, grand mother of Kenneth '08, William '14 and John Buonarobo '81
Kristin Hiza, daughter of Timothy Horgan '66
George Zambetti, father of George '68, Edward '83
Marie Niemiec, mother of Peter '69
Remo DeTone, father of David '74
Edward McGonagle, father of Edward '76, Peter '81
Peter Martyn, father of Peter '78

Michael Sullivan, father of Michael Sullivan '79
Christopher Podesta, brother of Robert '82
Heidi Janny, mother of Michael '13
George Foley, father of Todd '79
Kathleen Salerno, mother of James '83
Robert Travers, father of Reid '85
Elizabeth Lane, mother of Robert '86
Peter Dunican, father of P. Brendan '87
Kathleen Dickman, mother of Edward '89
Frank Dushaj, brother of Paul '90
Margaret Finneran, mother of Terrence '90
William Donoghue, husband of Prep nurse Helen, father of William '00, Andrew '02
William S. Wanago, M.D., father of Kevin '00
William R. Fischer, father of Mateo Fischer '12